

Solid Waste Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
March 10, 2016

Present: Jane Knox, Rita Braswell, Noaris Burgos, Rita Kornblum, Bob Coughlin, Virginia Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Chairperson Knox.

The February 11, 2016 minutes were accepted.

The committee decided on designating Saturday, April 30, 2016 as Mansfield Rid Litter Day. Walton will contact some of the rental properties along targeted areas to invite them to participate. Knox will work on enlisting help from the boy scouts and the girl scouts. Kornblum will contact Adam Cote to enlist scout help. The Rid Litter Day flyer, with an emphasis on Adopt A Road, will be sent to the schools and the Neighbors newspaper. Burgos stated that Dr. Patwa at Goodwin Elementary School is interested in having a litter clean up day as part of a 4<sup>th</sup> grade community project. Dr. Patwa asked if trash bags and gloves are available for the litter pick up. The Last Green Valley has funds for such supplies.

The committee made a final review of drafted changes to the solid waste regulations. With some minor edits, the proposed changes will be forwarded to the town attorney.

The committee selected March 29, 2016 at 10 a.m. as the date to do the Community Center waste audit. Walton will work out the details with staff and confirm the date.

Members reviewed the draft low waste event policy that Walton circulated. Kornblum will work with Walton to create a low waste event guide.

The construction of the Storrs Center condos is almost complete. These units will have trash collection service similar to single-family service. Because of the condo layout, Willimantic Waste Paper will need to walk into the alley to move the carts by the road. Willimantic Waste Paper will charge an additional \$10 per unit. On a motion by Kornblum/Burgos, the committee approved the additional fee for multi-family container collection service.

Walton suggested offering a workshop on organic lawns and composting this spring. Walton will check to see if last year's speaker is available for a rain harvesting workshop. Walton will work out the dates for these programs.

The committee decided against participating in UConn's Spring Fling on April 19, 2016 since there are a number of other projects happening this year.

Walton reported that she participated in a CT DEEP plastic film working group to address effective ways to collect clean plastic film through retail establishments.

Walton reported that the trash webpages have been redesigned to include Food Too Good to Waste content. Walton is working with MMS administration to set up grade level presentations to introduce the food waste challenge. The challenge can then begin after April vacation. Once the number of participants are known, Walton will order scales.

Walton distributed flyers for the April 9 Repair Café. Walton reported that she has begun ordering supplies through the Recycle Reward grant. A commercial dishwasher has been approved by DEEP.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Walton